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December 11, 2007

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Mr. Tony Aguiar Diversified Stone Products, Inc. P. O. Box 265 Fillmore, Utah 84631

RE: Status of Reclamation at the Stone Quarry for Diversified Stone Products

Dear Mr. Aguiar:

On November 11, 2007, the stone quarry under Notice UTU-71573 was inspected by Bureau of Land Management (BLM) staff. Reclamation work has been completed at the site; however, based on the inspection, BLM notes the following conditions:

- The quarry bench (floor) has been leveled and a depression at the base of the quarry highwall (face) has been backfilled to that level.
- The quarry highwall has not been backfilled above the level of the re-contoured quarry bench.
- Waste rock that had been previously side-casted on the steep slope below the bench, i. e. the waste rock dump, has been pulled up, in part, and used for the leveling of the quarry bench.
  - > This pulled-up material was retrieved mostly from the southeast end and central portions of the waste rock dump.
  - Waste rock that was within reach of the excavator does not appear to have been pulled
  - > The material that was left in place on the dump could have been used to backfill to the quarry highwall to a higher level than was completed.
  - Waste rock that was at the toe of the dump was apparently not within reach of the excavator and was not pulled up.
- Waste rock at the north end of the dump was not pulled up and "topsoil debris" was not recontoured for topsoil or fill material.
- The quarry and the dump have not been recontoured to restore a slope that conforms to the natural topography that existed prior to the mining operations to the extent practicable.
- The access road to the southeast of the quarry has been recontoured with all the waste rock, previously side-casted along the roadside, being pulled up and used to re-contour the road.

BLM acknowledges that you have made a good faith effort to reclaim the subject site. However, at this time, the reclamation does not appear to comply with requirements (1) discussed with you at two previous meetings at the site on November 11, 2006, and April 5, 2007, (2) the federal regulations to re-contour to the natural topography to the extent practicable, and (3) the reclamation statement in the original notice. BLM had anticipated that most of the material in the waste rock dump would be pulled up into the quarry for backfill and that the quarry would be backfilled more than is currently the case. Photographs that were taken as part of the inspection are enclosed for your review.

On December 4, 2007, the reclamation work completed to date was discussed in a conference call that included the Utah Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining, the BLM, and yourself. BLM recognizes that you had understood that the reclamation work had been completed based on a conversation with the equipment operator and comments made by staff of the Utah Division of Oil, Gas (UDOGM), and Mining, who was present on site on November 29, 2007. Following that call, staff of UDOGM and BLM tentatively scheduled a meeting with you at the site on Monday, December 10, 2007, after considering several other dates. Due to a change in the weather and recent snowfall that meeting was cancelled. When the weather and site conditions change to where the ground is visible, the meeting will be rescheduled. At that future date, we would like to discuss the reclamation with you and hopefully mutually determine the need and standard for further reclamation at the site.

If you have questions, please contact Michael Jackson (435-896-1522) or myself (435-896-1562) at this office.

Sincerely, Wayne a Websel

Wayne A. Wetzel Associate Field Manager

Enclosure: Photographs (4)

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